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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Kessler *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/530,746

Group Art Unit: 1637

Filed: November 16, 2000

Examiner: Strzelecka, T. E.

For: **SPECIFIC AND SENSITIVE
METHOD FOR DETECTING
NUCLEIC ACIDS**

Attorney Docket No.: 1803-277-999

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

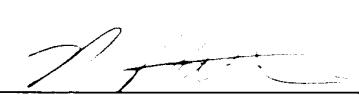
Applicants have carefully considered the Restriction Requirement mailed September 30, 2002, in connection with the above-captioned application. Applicants file herewith a) an Information Disclosure Statement; b) a Request for Correction of Filing Receipt; c) an Associate Power of Attorney; and d) a Petition for Extension of Time extending the time for response by one month to and including **November 30, 2002**.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, Claims 1-15, drawn to methods for the detection of nucleic acids, without traverse.

Applicants believe no fee in addition to the extension of time fee is due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, and all required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment, to Pennie & Edmonds U.S. Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 1803-277-999).

Respectfully submitted,

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